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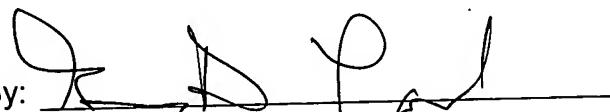
Applicant has amended the specification to conform to U.S. patent practice.

The claims have been amended to eliminate numeric identifiers and multiple dependent claims. Applicant has added new claims 15-20 which are embraced by original claims.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-20 will be presented for consideration. Applicant requests that the amendments be made prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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